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TO USLO PEKING PRIORITY

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TAGS: CPAS, CH (LEE, ARCHIE KAI CHEE)

SUBJECT: ACCESS TO USLO BY SUBJECT IN ORDER TO PURSUE CLAIM TO
US CITIZENSHIP

REF: PEKING 484

1. CONGRESSMAN MCCLOSKEY'S OFFICE HAS FORWARDED TO DEPT
A LETTER FROM ARCHIE KAI CHEE LEE'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, JAMES LEUNG,
ENCLOSING A COPY OF LEE'S AUGUST 4 LETTER TO HIS SISTER,
MRS. VERA LEUNG, WHICH STATES: "ABOUT MY CASE UNLESS MR.
BLACKBURN PUT IN A REQUEST THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL TO THE STATE
COUNCIL OR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN P.R. OF CHINA
FOR ME TO SEE HIM, OTHERWISE I'M UNABLE TO GO AND SEE HIM EVEN
THO I'M IN PEKING. BUT, IF IT'S THROUGH THAT LEGAL WAY, THE
HIGHER AUTHORITIES WILL NOTIFY MY AUTHORITY--THE CAA, AND THEY
CAN CONTACT ME AND ALLOW ME TO GO TO SEE HIM WHEREVER I AM.
AS YOU KNOW IT'S NOT FAR FROM HERE TO PEKING, ONLY 1 1/2 HR.
BY PLANE OR ONE NITE BY TRAIN. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MANAGE
TO INFORM MR. BLACKBURN OR THE PROPER PERSON ABOUT THIS?"

2. AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, DEPT WOULD NOT LIKE TO CONCEDE THAT
PERSONS WITH CLAIM TO AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP CANNOT COME TO USLO
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UNLESS USLO REQUESTS PERMISSION FROM MFA FOR SUCH VISITS. IN

THIS CASE, HOWEVER, THE ISSUE IS FUZZED SOMEWHAT, AS LEE'S TRAVEL TO PEKING IS INVOLVED. THIS IS MOREOVER THE FIRST CASE WE HAVE HAD IN WHICH THE SUBJECT HIMSELF HAS ASKED THAT WE GO THROUGH MFA ON HIS BEHALF. WE BELIEVE THIS PARTICULAR CASE THEREFORE IS A GOOD ONE WITH WHICH TO TEST THE CHINESE REACTION.

3. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, YOU MAY DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH MFA CONSULAR DEPT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "MR. ARCHIE KAI CHEE LEE, WHO WAS BORN IN THE UNITED STATES AND WHO ACQUIRED UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AT BIRTH UNDER OUR LAW, IS, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BY A RELATIVE OF HIS IN THE UNITED STATES, AN EMPLOYEE AT THE PRESENT TIME OF THE CAAC AT HUHEHOT AIRPORT, INNER MONGOLIA. THIS RELATIVE HAS INFORMED US THAT MR. LEE WISHES TO CONSULT THE UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING ABOUT THE STATUS OF HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AND THAT MR. LEE HAS ASKED THAT WE FORWARD TO THE MFA MR. LEE'S REQUEST THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM TO VISIT OUR LIAISON OFFICE FOR SUCH A PURPOSE." YOU SHOULD THEN ASK WHETHER THE MFA WILL ARRANGE FOR THE VISIT. INGERSOLL

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